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1. There has been no change in the production of ball bearings in the Kugellagerfabrik Böhлиз-Ehrenberg. The production of spherical bearings has been increased and was higher by about 30,000 pieces in Oct 53 than in September. The increase was in the types 22224 to 22240. The Polysius works at Dessau receive a large part of the ball and spherical bearings produced.
2. About 40,000 rocker bearings were delivered to the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union is the only customer for rocker and needle bearings and their production is given priority. Bearings for heavy vehicles were delivered in China. There is a wastage of about 25 percent in this production. There have been renewed acts of sabotage recently which spoiled about 5,000 or 10,000 bearings intended for the Soviet Union.
3. Deliveries of material continue to come from the Stahlwerk Henningsdorf, the Alexanderwerk in Schmalkalden, and from Poland. Poland supplies Swedish bar steel.
4. There are six Soviet engineers in the plant at the present time. They are from the Stalingrad ball bearing works.

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